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## ***Amendment***

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To: House Bill No. **5149**

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### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this  
4 section:

5 (1) "Sober living home" means an alcohol-free and drug-free  
6 residence where (A) unrelated adults who are recovering from a  
7 substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive  
8 environment during their recovery, and (B) no formal substance use  
9 disorder treatment services are provided; and

10 (2) "Operator" means the lawful owner of a sober living home or a  
11 person designated by such lawful owner to have primary  
12 responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home.

13 (b) An operator of a sober living home that is certified as a recovery

14 residence by an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery  
15 Residences, or a successor organization, or another organization  
16 recognized by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
17 Services as an organization responsible for certifying sober living  
18 homes in the state, may report the sober living home's certified status  
19 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. An  
20 operator of a sober living home that reports its certified status to the  
21 department shall provide the department with the number of beds  
22 available in the sober living home at the time of its report and weekly  
23 thereafter. The department shall post on its Internet web site a list of  
24 the sober living homes that have reported their certified status  
25 pursuant to this section and the number of beds available at each such  
26 sober living home. The department shall update the list of sober living  
27 homes and the bed availability at each sober living home on a weekly  
28 basis.

29 (c) No operator of a sober living home shall (1) advertise or  
30 represent that a sober living home is a facility that is certified or  
31 licensed to provide substance use disorder treatment services, or (2)  
32 publish any claims of particular outcomes for individuals residing in  
33 such homes. Any Internet web site or publication maintained by a  
34 sober living home shall include a clear and conspicuous statement in  
35 bold typeface that the sober living home (A) is not licensed or certified  
36 to provide substance use disorder treatment services, and (B) is a type  
37 of housing in which individuals recovering from a substance use  
38 disorder voluntarily choose to live together in a supportive  
39 environment during their recovery. Any violation of the provisions of  
40 this subsection shall constitute an unfair trade practice pursuant to  
41 section 42-110b of the general statutes.

42 (d) On or before August 1, 2018, the commissioner shall create a  
43 printable one-page disclosure form for distribution to prospective  
44 sober living home residents. Such disclosure form shall (1) be written  
45 in plain language and in an easily readable format, (2) state that sober  
46 living homes are not licensed or certified to provide substance use  
47 disorder treatment services, (3) provide information on sober living

48 homes and resources for individuals recovering from a substance use  
49 disorder, and (4) contain a signature line on which a prospective  
50 resident may sign the form. Such disclosure form shall be made  
51 available to the public on the department's Internet web site. The  
52 commissioner shall review and update such disclosure form as  
53 necessary.

54 (e) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services may  
55 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of  
56 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section